

PRESBYTERIAN FOREIGN MISSIONS AND OVERSEAS INTERCHURCH SERVICE

Rev. Francis Kinsler
Seoul, Korea
October 5, 1950

Dear Friends:

When the war broke out in Korea I soon found myself doing relief work in Pusan and thereabouts. Our other mission members were working in and around Taegu. Providentially, a large supply of Church World Service relief goods (almost two thousand bags of wheat, beans, barley, peas; several hundred bales of used clothing, over a thousand tins of lard, over fifty bales of cotton, some ninety drums of powdered skim milk, and small amounts of soap, shoes, thread) had been left in a warehouse in Pusan, and not taken to Seoul. Our Seoul Station chauffeur had also brought the large mission truck down to Pusan. I also had the loan of a good Methodist jeep. Dr. Fletcher's experienced relief worker and his assistant both came to Pusan and we carried on the work together.

Christian refugees naturally gravitated to the Churches. There they lived, sleeping on floors, benches, tables, almost anywhere. Many, many thousands of other refugees stayed in temporary refugee centers set up by the government, in private homes, in the fields, under bridges everywhere. The government granted a daily ration of a fistful of barley grain to refugees located in officially recognized refugee centers, but nothing more.

We set up our relief headquarters in one of the large Churches in Pusan and labored for three months to make the best possible distribution to the most needy people. We gave some kind of relief to more than sixty thousand people who came for it. We gave extra help to the Church relief centers. We tried to supervise and inspect as much as possible to insure fairness. When the nights grew cool we managed to make provision for over a thousand Korean quilts with the cotton we had, for families with children without bed covers. This item alone would equal W30,000,000.00 (around \$15,000.00) in Korea today. At times it almost seemed like the miracle of the loaves and fishes, and at other times it was hard not to be able to help more. Many Koreans expressed gratitude for this expression of Christian love from the American Church.

We also made trips in the truck loaded with relief goods to countryside Church relief centers. One day we headed for Pohang, but were stopped near the city by a line of U.S. tanks. That was the day the Reds took Pohang by surprise. One day we went to Masan to find the inhabitants streaming away from the city toward Pusan. Next day we learned that the communists had come within five miles of the city and almost made a break-through to Pusan. On one of our trips to Chinyung we found the pastor and many people packed up ready to leave because the sound of artillery had been so heavy that morning. But the night I took a military train to take relief money to Taejun even the colonels thought our cause was hopeless. But now we are looking for a new day in Korea, one of unprecedented opportunity for constructive Christian missionary service.

Sincerely yours,

Francis Kinsler

PRESBYTERIAN FOREIGN MISSIONS AND OVERSEAS INTERCHURCH SERVICE

Rev. Francis Kinsler
(Seoul, Korea)
Presbyterian Mission
APO 301, P.M. San Francisco
October 22, 1950

Dear Friends:

It was a cool October Sunday morning in Seoul today. I went to preach to a refugee congregation on a hill near the edge of the city. About a thousand people had filled that Church when I visited it last May. This morning about two hundred of them came and sat on boards and bricks on the ground charred by the fire that burnt the Church to the ground. The Church and many homes around it were destroyed before the communists retreated. These people had fled from communism up North before the war, and now most of them had fled again to the South. They are only beginning to return. Some have been killed. The young pastor was taken by the Reds and nobody knows where he is. The people worshipped quietly, in much sadness, but their main words were of gratitude to God for their deliverance from a terrible scourge.

Seoul is like that today. Coming home I stopped by another Church, and found some women still there, weeping. They told me they had heard nothing of their pastor. One brave pastor kept his Church going up to within two weeks of liberation, and then had to run for his life because the Red police were coming for him. Young Pastor Ho Jun Yoo left his office just thirty seconds before the officials came for him. About twenty Presbyterian pastors have disappeared, and we don't know whether they are dead or alive.

Many homes and buildings were destroyed by fighting, but more by the retreating Communists who poured gasoline on buildings and set them ablaze. Homes still intact were robbed of clothes and food. We are grateful that our missionary homes on the compound are still intact (the Reds didn't have time to burn them when they retreated), but all our possessions, including books and papers and life-long notes, are all gone. I have met no Christian who has lost his faith. Their first expression is one of gratitude for survival; then of contrition for the sins of Korea that brought this trouble about, and then one of hope for a new day in Korea. They say the ordeal of the past three months under Communist rule was simply unendurable. Many say, "I died, but I'm alive again." The people are cured of Communism, they add. One pastor called this afternoon and said he thought maybe all the people of North Korea would come into the Christian Church now. They have nowhere else to turn.

This is not an appeal for relief help - not yet. The army does not allow us to use the above APO address for receiving relief packages. But soon civil administration will be restored, and this country will need and accept the ministry of the Church in the name of Christ as never before.

Cordially yours,

Francis Kinsler

Rev. Francis Kinsler
Presbyterian Mission
c/o U.S. Consulate
APO 59, PM, San Francisco
February 15, 1951

Dear Friends;

The story of the Koreans suffering in the present war is still unfinished, but accounts that come from the refugee Christians here in Pusan are sad enough. Church workers have compiled the following figures of losses in the Church, which are not complete. Christian ministers killed or missing in South Korea: 136 Presbyterian ministers; 24 Methodists; in North Korea; 111 Presbyterian ministers, 31 Methodists; for all Korea: 6 Holiness Church ministers, 4 Salvation Army, 6 Anglicans, 80 Roman Catholic; 32 Foreign Missionaries, 7 Y Directors, and one Y Worker. It is estimated that 470,000 civilians in South Korea are casualties in the war.

At the present time we know of 12,000 Christian refugees in the Island of Quelpart, 1,700 members of pastors' families; perhaps one third that number in the Island of Kujedo; and others scattered about South Korea in numbers which we have no way of determining.

But the stories of individual Koreans whom we know as personal friends seem more sad than large statistics. Day by day they come and tell us their experiences. We knew Pastor Pak as a fellow teacher in the Bible Institute in Pyengyang some years ago. He came to Pusan saying that he alone of eleven pastors escaped alive from SunChun Presbytery North of Pyengyang. Pastor Duchwa Hu was a leader in the West Presbytery. I met him here after twelve years. He said he was able to escape with his family from Chinnampo, where he had charge of the large First Church, because the UN army provided boat space for them to go, but that the pastors of other Churches in that area didn't have the chance and were all left behind. One young woman dropped in to see us and told us how she escaped from Inchun with her three little children, but that her husband was caught by the Reds. One quiet man told me he had come from the Northeast Coast of Korea. He had served Churches there for twelve years, but had never been ordained, lest the Japanese, and later the Communists should hinder him from doing Church work. One evening he went to Church early to pray, when friends came to tell him that the police had called at his house to take him. So he had to run away without even going home. So he left his wife and little children (he could do nothing for them in that situation) and after walking fifty miles got to the UN lines, then got out in the Hung Nam Evacuation, came to Pusan, and is now on Kujedo, still strong in his faith, but with heavy heart about his family.

A pastor Cho called this morning. We knew him in the Pyengyang Seminary before the Second World War. He had gone to Ham Hung Province and worked as a minister. At the time of the Chinese invasion he had to run for his life, also unable to save his family (they would be safer without him around, anyway, when the Communists began to investigate). He came here in very ragged coat, and trousers. But he soon got a job as an interpreter here, and received permission to take time off on Sundays to preach to Korean groups in the army. He had nothing left of his possessions. But we were able to give him a New Testament, thanks to the Bible Society; some better clothes, thanks to Church World Service; and we wrote the note he needed to have the permission to preach; and he also received the Mission grant to refugee pastors of W50,000 (\$20) for emergency relief.

But by and large the Christian refugees are being taken care of on the Islands with a government ration, the help of native Christians, and jobs of one kind and another that they find. Ministers organize themselves to look after their people and do evangelistic work to the unbelievers. It seems that the hardships caused by the Communist attack in Korea have served to quicken the Christian faith of many.

Sincerely yours, Francis Kinsler

PRESBYTERIAN FOREIGN MISSIONS AND OVERSEAS INTERCHURCH SERVICE

Rev. Francis Kinsler
(Seoul, Korea)
Presbyterian Mission
c/o U.S. Consulate
APO 59, San Francisco
March 20, 1951

Dear Friends,

The island of Quelpart, Korea, got its name many years ago when some French sailor sighted it from the sea and said, "What part is it?" It is an island, formed by a mile high volcano, now extinct, about two hundred miles from the mainland port of Pusan, Korea. The islanders lived their peaceful, superstitious existence until disturbed by recent events. In a communistic uprising a couple of years ago some 70,000 of the 300,000 inhabitants are said to have been killed. So the native population is made up largely of women. But our interest was centered more particularly in the tens of thousands of refugees, including more than ten thousand Christians, and over 400 Protestant pastors, who have gone to the island of Quelpart during the last three months.

Two weeks ago Ray Provost, Jim Phillips and I of the Presbyterian Mission, Charles Stokes of the Methodist Mission, and Ed. Kilbourne of the Holiness Church went in a U.S. Landing Craft, manned by Japanese to the island to visit our Christian friends there. We received a most warm welcome from the Christians. On our first day there we went to Church in the Southern port town of Sukepo. A Korean minister was being installed. The Church was packed, and the yard on both sides filled with people who shared in the service through wide open windows. There must have been forty or fifty ordained ministers there. A highly trained choir sang beautiful anthems. It was pointed out that this one pastor had been sent by the Korean Church as a missionary years ago and now the Church was strong enough to support him entirely; and that in this time hundreds more of Christian pastors had been sent to the island to evangelize the people more fully. There was a packed Church again that night.

The next day meetings were held from day-break to night time. Besides worship and Bible Study hours, there was a service of welcome for the missionaries out in the park by a beautiful waterfall. The Koreans expressed great appreciation for all the Missions and the Churches behind them had done for Korea. In the afternoon a meeting was held to plan more carefully for the work of evangelism in the island. Many new Church groups have already been formed, and the young men have undertaken to organize the children (who can get practically no schooling in war-torn Korea today because the army is occupying even school buildings) into Bible Club groups and give them a full Christian training during the next few months at least. Some forty to sixty such groups are either begun or in the planning stage.

We drove around the island to the capital city of Cheju. It has two Presbyterian Churches and they have the two most imposing buildings in the city. Meetings were held for three nights, and a big overflow of people stood outside unable to get in, even though the children were given a story and sent away. There, too, greatest interest centers in doing a Christian work in the island before the refugees return to the mainland.

In Sung San Po over 50 ministers welcomed us. We sat on the green slope of a mountain overlooking the blue sea and worshipped and talked and planned from three to after six o'clock one evening, and then had an earnest daybreak prayer meeting before departing the next morning. It was like that all around the island. We came home with the impression that the Korean Church is very much alive in Korea today. It faces an unprecedented opportunity. Pray for it.

Sincerely yours,

Francis Kinsler

Presbyterian Mission
% U. S. Consulate
APO 59, San Francisco
March 29, 1951

Dear Friends,

Easter in Seoul, Korea in the year 1951 - what a setting for the Resurrection story! We arrived there by truck on the evening of Good Friday, and found a dead city. It was not so much the fact that large sections of the city have been reduced to rubble during the North Korean and the Chinese Communist occupations of the city, but the weird appearance of a large city that has no people in it. Except for a lonely Korean policeman standing guard at some intersection, or some U. S. army truck rushing by, or the distant rumble of artillery to the North and the East, the stillness of death had settled over Seoul. There were a number of quite old ladies, and little children to be seen here and there on the streets; but it is said that the Reds compelled all the men and women of military age to go with them when they withdrew from the city.

To our surprise we found that most of the Church and Mission property in Seoul was left intact during the second occupation of the city. Some parts of the city were destroyed during the winter, but practically all of the Church buildings and Mission houses are standing just as they were left last Fall, with some broken windows and some fallen plaster. We were astonished to find on entering the Korean Churches that most of them seem not even to have been entered by the enemy troops during their second occupation of the capital city. On the pulpit of the West Gate Church we found a hymnal and the treasurer's book of the congregation's missionary society lying just as they had been left by the Church members when they fled Seoul. In the office of the Bible Society and the rooms of the Pierson Memorial Bible School we found religious text books and Testaments and Gospels just as they had been left by our people before they left the city. The Sung Dong Church, in the center of the city, still had its doors locked as they may have been left after some Sunday services. The few old people who had stayed in the city with whom we talked said that the only thing the troops seemed to want was food. They searched each home and carried off what grain they could find. The shortage of food supplies and the fearful bombing of the city seem to have caused the withdrawal of the communist forces.

But on Easter Sunday we celebrated the Resurrection of Christ in Seoul. We held a daybreak service on South Mountain, with about six Americans (Captains Howard Moffett and Charles Bernheisel, sons of Presbyterian Missionaries in Korea), John Underwood, Ray Provost, James Philips of our Mission; and about eight Korean people. It was raining, the Presbyterian Seminary building was badly shattered, and the city below was deserted and in ruins; but we thought together of the power of the Risen Christ at work in Korea to-day. We also held an Easter Worship for all the city in the new Gothic-like Church of the Bethany congregation. Where usually about three thousand people met in that Church before the war, we scarcely had forty people from all over the city, practically all of them elderly women and little children. But again the promise and hope of our Christian Faith and resurrection life was real to us all.

On our return from Seoul to Pusan we stopped at all the large towns along the way to see how the Churches fared. Most of the people, especially the Christians, had fled South and had not returned home yet. In many places the Church buildings have been completely destroyed. That highway from South South to Taejun has become known as "Heart-break Highway"; and it surely a heart-break highway for the Church people. They will have to return empty-handed, hungry, and worn-out to homes that have been destroyed, and to towns that have been wrecked, and to Churches that have been burned to the ground.

But our observation of the Korean Church is that it does have a living faith and a real experience of the Resurrection power of the Christian Gospel. At Suwon we visited the Presbyterian Church and learned from some Korean soldiers there that some elderly lady came once every day to the deserted Church and there prayed quietly and alone in the Christian sanctuary. A Church Helper also made himself known, and said that he had returned to look after the Church buildings and the few Christians left here and there about the city until the Christian pastors and people should return.

In Taejun we had to stay overnight in the building of the First Presbyterian Church. This Church still stands although all around it lies the rubble of many destroyed buildings. We arrived there after dark, and found some refugees living in the Church. They were very cordial and told us their experiences in fleeing from the Northern city of Sinweiju, away from the ruthless persecution of the Reds. Then we fell asleep on our cots and were awakened about five thirty in the morning by the sound of individuals praying aloud. Then at six o'clock a goodly number of people had gathered quietly and they began a formal prayer meeting. After some singing and Bible reading and remarks by the presiding officer they all began to pray aloud together. It was very earnest and even intense prayer. As I listened to the words I was impressed by the conviction of these Korean people, their awareness of the need of the Korean people, and God's judgment upon them in the present war for their past sins. One man cried out in his prayer, "O God, wake us up, O God, wake us up." These people were holding daybreak prayer meetings like this every morning all the year round and they were doing it without any ordained minister to help them, and in the midst of their poverty and hardship.

In Kumchun we found the Church full of refugees. The minister was there and he told us that he conducted the daybreak prayer meeting every morning for all the people, and that they also held a meeting every evening for worship and Bible study. He said that the refugees had found new faith and courage as they lived together in the Church. One woman had had to flee on foot from Seoul with five children and had wanted to commit suicide to escape her misery some five times, but now she had found a new hope and faith in the fellowship of these meetings.

Out of the ruins of old Korea perhaps we are seeing today the rising of a new Korea in the days to come. Out of the sufferings is coming a humbled people, a chastened Church, and a new Korea that with God's help will become Christian throughout the land. Pray for this resurrection hope in Korea.

Yours sincerely,

Francis Kinsler

PRESBYTERIAN FOREIGN MISSIONS AND OVERSEAS INTERCHURCH SERVICE

Rev. Francis Kinsler
Presbyterian Mission
c/o U.S. Consulate
APO 59, San Francisco
June 16, 1951

Dear Friends,

Last Sunday morning it was my privilege to preach to the Yung Nak Church in Pusan. That is the famous refugee Church that met in Seoul; and now, a refugeeing refugee Church, it continues its congregational life supporting its pastor, having its Sunday School, Young Peoples groups and so on. There must have been between 500 and 1000 people present Sunday morning. A number of other Seoul congregations have reorganized and continue their Church life in this busy war center. So the Korean Church is thriving on every hand.

The refugee pastors on Chejudo just sent in their report that every pastor has his Christian work assignment on the island. Some conduct Churches, some Sunday Schools, some do pioneering where the Gospel has never been heard. Many of the Church workers have organized Bible Clubs for the children and they now have about 25 such groups on the island teaching daily about 2500 children the Christian life.

The Presbyterian Seminary reopened on a refugee basis in Pusanjin the first of May. We thought maybe as many as 100 students might come, but now there are over 275 enrolled. That is in spite of the fact that most young men who would be in seminary have gone to war. One morning I went up to their daybreak prayer meeting. The students conduct this daybreak meeting every morning on their own, the professors do not even attend very much. They sang, read the Scripture, had a talk, and then prayed. They prayed in unison for over a half an hour, many in tears, crying out to God not just for food, or homes, or country (things they sorely lack now); but almost altogether for a better, truer Christian life for themselves, their Korean Church, and the whole Korean people. We in the West just don't have the same earnest devotion and love for the Lord that might be seen here, in the same way.

I wish I might tell you of some of the wonderful stories of Christian Korean chaplains in their army, of the many pastors who have gone into the Korean army hospitals and won a big place for themselves and their Christian work there. Not having the time for a detailed account, I do want you to know that in poor, war-torn Korea today the Church of Jesus Christ is the most alive, active, and victorious of enterprises in this land.

Sincerely yours,

Francis Kinsler

Presbyterian Mission
APO 20, San Francisco
November 7, 1951

Dear Friends,

This is just a letter of thanks. We are always grateful for the gifts of the home Church that make possible our whole Christian Mission program in Korea, but at this time we are especially grateful for the emergency relief funds, especially that of the 'One Great Hour of Sharing' which have enabled us to carry on our special wartime program of Christian work and service in Korea. Perhaps the best way to express our thanks is to tell you of the special wartime activities of our Korean Christian friends made possible by your special gifts.

The great majority of Korean war refugees still have to wait out the war on the islands off the coast. Among these people our Christian workers have risen up, and with the help you have sent, have been doing a great Christian work. They have established 40 new Churches on Cheju Island alone; and more on Eujedo. On these two islands more than 3000 schoolless children are receiving every day Christian training in the Bible Clubs, thanks again to your emergency gifts. The Church leaders have also established and conduct Bible Institutes, private High Schools for boys and girls, a school for grown-ups, and many of them tithe their pitiable ration to help support the work. Each refugee Church worker is assigned a Church work and he is expected to carry it out.

Again, special gifts from the home Church have made it possible to support the Christian Chaplaincy in the army of the Republic of Korea. There are now some 40 Presbyterian Korean Chaplains, including the Chief of Chaplains, and they serve the Korean soldiers everywhere from the front line to the base hospitals. There are also some Korean navy chaplains, but we don't have statistics about them, because they were appointed without any help from our Mission. This is something new in the history of countries in the Far East.

There are also over fifty of our Presbyterian Korean ministers and Bible women serving on a civilian basis in all the Korean army hospitals, under the direction of the regular army chaplains. They visit, preach, hold services, and minister in every way that Christian service suggests.

It has become both necessary and possible to give help to the Christian ministers now serving in all the Korean government prisons on a full-time basis. There are fourteen Presbyterian ministers now devoting their lives to this ministry and they could do it without the financial help given through our Presbyterian Mission to enable them to secure their daily needs.

It would not have been possible to open the new Presbyterian Theological Seminary in Korea without help from the Church at home. 500 students are now in attendance; more than half of them having come from North Korea, where fathers, brothers, and friends have been martyred for their faith in Christ. These students give practical service each week in Street Preaching, Personal Work, Sunday School Teaching, Bible Club Leadership, Hospital and Prison Evangelism, the Establishing of new Churches, and so on. Believe me, he who sows bountifully in Korea to-day will reap bountifully.

Yours sincerely,

Presbyterian Mission
APO 20, San Francisco
November 7, 1951

Dr. John Smith
Presbyterian Foreign Board
156 Fifth Ave., New York

Dear John,

Thank you for your letter of October 17, and the information about our relief work budget. We knew in general that \$200,000 had been granted, but we did not know how much C. W. S. was to get of it, or how long it would have to last.

We will try to get you a more accurate and later budget at a future date, but I would like you to know that we are operating on a monthly budget at present as follows:

Church Workers' Families' Relief	
Cheju Island	\$3,200
Kuje Island	2,250
Puk Yung Island	600
Pusan Area (Activeworkers' families)	900
Presbyterian Minister Chaplains	
Korean Army Chaplains	600
Korean army (civilian) Chaplains	320
Korean prison chaplains	130
Presbyterian Church Rehabilitation	900
	<u>\$8000</u>

These figures do not include regular budget items, nor items paid by money from other sources. These figures change from month to month. Above figures for chaplains include in some cases the relief grant to their families. Grants to our refugee academies are taken from the regular budget. The above budget figures do not exhaust the total amount granted, but the dollar is dropping here at present, and more dollars will probably be required to pay the same amounts in Won next month, and possibly thereafter. The budget has a tendency to increase each month when we find it possible to do so. On the other hand we are extending every effort to make no unnecessary payment of money. The above is the regular monthly payments we make, and does not include special relief grants. This week Otto is going in the truck to the whole Seoul area to visit our Churches and may find it desirable to use up to \$2000 for food and bedding. The above program will be just as necessary next year unless conditions change a lot.

We deeply appreciate the great generosity of the Board and the home Church in this hour of Korea's need. I have tried to write a letter to convey a sense of our gratitude and our responsibility to make the most of this blessing. I have enclosed this letter and if you can use it in any way as coming from us all and our Korean friends to the home Church please do so. (Otherwise, would you please have it mimeographed and sent out to my mailing list in the file?)

Cordially yours,

Presbyterian Mission
1 Nam San Dong
Taegu, Korea
July 21, 1952

Dear Friends,

We want to thank you for the wonderful flow of relief packages which you have been sending to our Presbyterian Mission in Korea during the last few months. About a thousand packages of food and clothing have been received by us in Taegu and Pusan, and we would like you to know how they have been used.

Many of the five hundred students in our Theological Seminary have families without enough to eat, so we help them some with these packages. One day when I asked one of them if he would like to have one of the food packages I didn't know whether or he was going to laugh or cry he was so grateful.

The many Korean Church workers who are still living as refugees on the islands get some financial help from our mission, but at best they live a very meager existence. Nevertheless they are very zealous in their work of forming new Churches and Sunday Schools there, and in maintaining educational training for the young in Bible Institutes, High Schools, and Bible Clubs. So whenever we have enough packages we give them some, too, and they are very grateful.

Many refugees still live in refugee camps in places like Taegu and Pusan. Seminary graduates have gone into the two biggest camps in Taegu, established Churches, and preach to overflowing congregations. They also conduct Christian work every day in the week, with Bible Clubs for the Christian training of many children, day nurseries for the smaller children (we feed almost a hundred children in them every day), in homes for war widows with children, and there is even an orphanage in one of them. We give food packages to the widows' families as often as we can. We don't have enough to go around to all the orphanages, as we are helping more than twenty orphanages in Korea at the present time. A good number of the packages go to the War Widows' homes in Seoul, and Chunan, and Kyungju, and Taegu.

Packages also go to the brave widow Bible Club Leaders where thousands of children are giving a Christian training for life in Church buildings all over Korea, because these widows have children of their own to bring up and they get very little else for all their work in the Clubs. So you can see that your packages go a long way and mean much to many people. We thank God for your generosity.

Sincerely yours,

Francis Kinsler

K O R E A

M I S S I O N

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

APO 234, San Francisco
September 30, 1952

Dear Friends of Korea,

Many and timely are the packages of clothing and food we have received for our Korean friends during the last two years. We appreciate your gifts deeply. Our Korean friends are most grateful. We do not like to ask for more. But the Korean war drags on. Conditions are not getting any better. Winter is coming. So we are writing again to mention the need of so many of our Korean friends.

There are almost 500 students in our Theological Seminary in Taegu. Most of these ministerial students have fled from the communism of North Korea. Their families and financial resources are gone. Their great hope is to serve the Church of Christ in Korea. But it often seems as if they would not have enough food and clothing to keep body and soul together.

We are trying to help 20 war orphanages in Taegu and vicinity. None of them get a sufficient ration from the government, and that is only barley grain. Many of these orphans receive the Bible Club training program, but some of them never have enough food or clothes. The various Homes for War Widows with children with which our Mission is connected are in much the same fix.

More than 24,000 children are getting their only education in the Christian training program of the Bible Clubs conducted daily in Churches all over Korea. These children have studies, prayers, singing, games, and special programs, but many of them don't have enough to eat or wear. We can use any amount of relief clothing, food, cheap notebooks and pencils.

Refugee Centers in cities like Taegu will be just as crowded and just as cold this winter as ever. Countless families live there in tiny huts, shacks, tents, or temporary board shelters. They are worn out from hunger and want, weary with waiting. Church groups have been formed in these places and Christian workers are serving the people and they make the best use of all relief materials that come. We are most grateful for all you are doing for the people of Korea in her hour of greatest need for the name of Christ. First class mail (6¢ air mail stamp) may be addressed Rev. Francis Kinsler, PRESBYTERIAN MISSION, APO 234, SAN FRANCISCO; but packages of relief must be sent International Parcel Post, addressed REV. FRANCIS KINSLER, PRESBYTERIAN MISSION, 1 MIU SAN DONG, TAEJU, KOREA.

Sincerely yours,

K O R E A M I S S I O N

PREBYTERIAN CHURCH IN THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

APO 234, San Francisco
November 10, 1952

Dear Friends,

We wish you could have seen the hundreds and thousands of children who gathered in the big towns and cities of Korea on different Saturday afternoons this Fall for Bible Club Rallies. 500 in Chungju, 500 in San gju, 500 at the Central Church in Taejun, 1,400 in Inchun, 1,200 in Taegu, and 3,300 at the Athletic Grounds in Seoul!

Bible Club Rallies in Korea begin with the Worship Ceremonial. Children preside and participate in the whole program. First all sing "Onward Christian Soldiers" together; then twenty or so lead in Sentence Prayers; another twenty or so stand and recite Bible Verses; then all stand and recite Luke 2:52 the Club Motto, Luke 2:52, "JESUS INCREASED IN WISDOM AND IN STATURE, AND IN FAVOR WITH GOD AND MAN", and give the four-finger salute denoting the four sides of the Christian life, and then all sing the Club Hymn together. After a short address on the meaning of the Christian Life the children close the Ceremony by reciting the Mizpah benediction.

Other programs follow the Worship Ceremonial. The children stand in rows over the field and perform their own Club gym drills together. Then there may follow a track and field contest between the different Bible Clubs; or there may be a Special Program of Songs, Plays, Recitations, and Plays. We had trouble preparing for one Rally because three different groups wanted to recite the whole Sermon on the Mount! Each Club takes part and many children participate and their playmates look on and give rounds of applause.

These Bible Clubs are made up of Korean Children who have no schools to go to. They come to a Bible Club conducted three hours or more each day of the week in some Korean Church Building. They have study classes, a prayer hour, exercise and game, period every day, and one day each week is known as Club Day. Lessons are set aside and a special order of Worship Ceremonial, Music, Exercises, and Special Program is followed. The whole work is patterned after the Life of the Boy Jesus as described in Luke 2:52, and includes the Intellectual Side of Life (Jesus increased in wisdom), the Physical Side of Life (and in stature), the Spiritual Side of Life (and in favor with God), and the Social Side of Life (and in favor with man). It is not just an education of book learning, but a Christian Training Program for Life so that these Korean children can grow up into a well-rounded life of Christian Faith.

K O R E A M I S S I O N

FRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

AFC 234, San Francisco
February 10, 1953

Dear Friends,

We receive so many gifts and relief packages for our work in Korea that we want to keep thanking you and telling you about the work. This time we want to tell you about the Refugee Center in Lee Myung Dong in Taegu. A year or so ago the place was just a bare hillside outside the city. Now row after row of temporary shelters have been erected to house thousands of refugees made homeless by the war. We want to tell you of the Christian activities going on there to-day.

Our story begins with the young pastor, Mr. Chang Young Chai. He had already had three years experience with our children's work in Seoul, and has graduated from the Theological Seminary last year. He agreed to work in this Refugee Center. A temporary shelter was set up for Church and children were gathered each day for a Christian training program in a Bible Club.

At the same time beggar boys were gathered from the streets and an orphanage was begun. Gifts from home and from G. I.s made it possible later to build a comfortable Korean style home for 50 of such children, who are now living in a Christian home environment with daily Christian training for life. The project was so successful that we have begun a second such orphanage with 50 more boys.

75 widows' families occupy space together in the shelters and we help them with building materials, bedding, clothing, and some food from time to time. We began Day Nurseries for little children from 3 to 6 years old, and now have about 100 of them coming daily so their mothers can be free to go out to earn a living. We feed, watch, and teach the children prayers, hymns, songs, and Bible verses. The Bible Clubs for the older children have expanded and now some 200 of them come daily for Christian training. The Church has grown and now over 300 adults meet on Sundays. They have enlarged the Church, built a bell tower, bought an organ, and support the young pastor's family. Through this Church we may also be able to distribute relief clothing to the more needy families. This is the story of the ministry of the Christian Church in one Refugee Center in Korea to-day. Other stories will have to wait until another time. The Lord bless you.

Sincerely yours,

(Address for Relief Packages)
Rev. and Mrs. Francis Kinsler
Presbyterian Mission
1 Nam San Dong
Taegu, Korea

K O R E A M I S S I O N

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

Taegu, Korea
May 22, 1953

Dear Friends,

Once again we want to thank you all for the many gifts you have sent to us for our Korean friends. We've been almost overwhelmed by the flood of relief goods and gifts for our work this past year. We have handled some 5,000 relief packages, distributing the goods to countless orphanages, widows' homes, refugee camps, destitute Churches, old people's homes, school students, and so on. Many gifts of money have been used to begin new relief projects and to carry on old ones. We are both astonished and grateful for the tremendous response from America for the tremendous need in Korea.

We have been in close contact with about 20 orphanages in the Taegu area alone. All the help some of these orphanages have received has been through us. U. S. army groups have helped others, working through us. We have had 3 day nurseries feeding and caring for the little children of widows and other destitute mothers every day. We have been able to help three different old people's homes, securing the property of one of them. Four different work projects for war widows have been developed here. There are some 3000 poor children getting their only education in the Bible Clubs in Taegu.

The Children's Bible Club program has grown unbelievably. There are at latest report over 10,000 children in the Seoul area, 7,000 in the Andong area, 3,000 on Cheju Island attending daily. We attended a Bible Club rally of over 4,000 children in Seoul two weeks ago, and over 1,000 in Andong last week. Tomorrow we go to Kyungju for the children's rally there. The children meet all day for Worship Ceremonial, gym exercises together, picnic lunch, and games and races in the afternoon. Many big cities in Korea have these Bible Club rallies once or twice each year now.

The Presbyterian Seminary has moved forward during the year. More than two hundred Korean young men and women applied for admission this year. Two dormitories have been built, a faculty residence is going up, the library is getting organized. The enrollment is over 450 students. We have been more than busy trying to teach, house and guide these many students day by day. We have also been happy to see the Korean Armed Forces Christian Chaplaincy built up until there are now around 150 Korean Presbyterian Chaplains in the corp.

It has been great to have a share in this tremendous Christian movement, but we are ready for furlough and plan to return to the States in July. We hope that we may see many of you personally and have the opportunity to report at first hand on what the Lord is doing in Korea to-day.

Very sincerely yours,

Presbyterian Mission
APO 234, San Francisco
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PRESBYTERIAN FOREIGN MISSIONS AND OVERSEAS INTERCHURCH SERVICE

Rev. Francis Kinsler
Box 256, Kwang Wa Moon P.O.
Seoul, Korea
March 21, 1955

Dear Friends,

The uneasy Korean truce still holds, but there is no truce for the Christian forces struggling against ignorance, poverty, and sin in this land cut in half at the 38th parallel, desolated by war, filled with refugees, ground down by poverty, and facing the constant threat of a new attack by the armies of Communism. And there are evidences that the Church of Christ is marching on to triumph in this land of Korea and that the gates of hell will not prevail against it.

It was a thrill to give the charge last week to 84 Korean young men and women at the graduation exercises of the Presbyterian Theological Seminary of Korea, attended by some 3,000 people seated in the Young Nak Church, and by 2,000 more who were standing outside. Already a new entering class of 130 students has been received, increasing the total seminary enrollment to about 570 students.

The Bible Clubs in Korea are also moving forward and giving a real Christian training for life to Korean boys and girls who have no other opportunity to get an education. Hundreds of them received their diplomas for completing the grammar school and high school work, and there are hundreds more entering the grammar school and high school level Bible Clubs for the new school year. There will soon be around 100,000 Korean boys and girls growing up every day in the Christian Church, learning the life of faith in Jesus Christ.

There are also scores of standard Christian schools of grammar and high school level graduating Christian boys and girls each March, the month of graduations in the Orient. It is wonderful to see how Christian schools that once flourished in North Korea have now reorganized on a refugee basis and continue to educate the children of Christian refugees by the hundred. Soong Sill Academy has an illustrious school name in the history of modern Korea, and it is now operating in makeshift frame shacks and tents, attempting under very adverse circumstances to provide a Christian education for 1,000 boys this next school year.

We are happy to share in the fellowship of the Christian pastors in the Seoul area in their monthly meetings. These meetings have been held recently in the quonset hut left by the army on our compound, and last month our missionary ladies bravely served lunch to over 80 pastors. Now the chaplains of the Korean army have requested us to hold a monthly meeting with them for spiritual and social fellowship. We look forward to scores of these faithful chaplains coming to these meetings.

Please note that we will no longer be able to use the APO mailing address, but all correspondence with us must be through the International Postal Service, to this address: REV. AND MRS. FRANCIS KINSLER, PRESBYTERIAN MISSION, Box 256, Kwang Wa Moon P.O., Seoul, Korea. But be sure to write us soon at this new address. We are most grateful for all your letters, interest, and support in our common Christian task in this land of Korea. The Lord bless you all.

Most cordially yours,

Francis Kinsler

Presbyterian Mission
APO 301, San Francisco
February 8, 1956

Dear Friends at Home:

We thought we would like to share with you the following little story as an illustration of what is happening in the Bible Clubs of Korea, which are really an Independent Christian Educational Movement.

There is a tiny island, no more than a small mountain rising out of the sea, known as Peyangdo, just off the bigger island of Chejudo, many miles South of Korea in the Yellow Sea. There was not a Christian on that Island six years ago. The people had been Buddhists from time immemorial. They had their Buddhist priest, their Buddhist temple, and their Buddhist beliefs and practices. These people, cut off from the rest of the world on their little island, lived in deep poverty and ignorance, doing the most primitive kind of farming and fishing. The children didn't know what it was like to wear shoes. These Islanders didn't even have a well, but had to catch the rain water for all purposes of drinking and washing.

Then came the Korean War and the flight of many Christian refugees to the Island of Chejudo. These refugees began to preach the Gospel, organize Sunday Schools and Churches, and Bible Clubs among the island people. (More than three thousand of these island children still attend Bible Clubs daily.) One young seminary student, Mr. Sei Hyun Ha, found his way to the Island of Peyangdo, saw the need of the people, decided to stay and work there in Jesus' Name. He is still there today.

The first thing he did was to organize a Bible Club for the children of the Island. They came slowly, shyly at first, suspicious of outsiders, opposed to any new ideas. But they soon came to love the Bible Club program of lessons, singing, prayers, games, and exercises. Then they were willing to offer sentence prayers, recite Bible verses before their fellow Club-members at the weekly Club Day program. Some of the Island children said to their leader: "We like the Bible Club, but we are afraid we will become Christians." Soon they were on their way to an education, learning especially the Christian Faith and Life, giving their pledge of allegiance by reciting Luke 2:52, the Bible Club motto: "Jesus increased in wisdom and in stature, and in favor with God and with man."

Today, six years later, all the children on that island attend the Bible Club, and practically all the grown-ups have become Christians. Even the Buddhist priest decided to accept Christ. Then these people decided that each family should raise an extra pig, and use the proceeds to buy the Buddhist Temple from the National Buddhist Organization, renovate it, and change it into their Christian Church. Now they meet there to worship God each Sunday morning and each Sunday and Wednesday evening; and every day in the week all the children on the Island find their way to that Church to attend the classes of the Bible Club, where they are growing up learning and loving the Lord Jesus Christ. We thank God for this work. Pray for all these children in Korea.

Yours sincerely in Him,

Dorothy and Fran Kinsler

Presbyterian Mission
APO 301, San Francisco
December, 1957

Dear Friends,

At this Gift Season we remember the supreme gift of God's Own Son, and the many gifts that come with Him. "When He ascended on high He gave gifts to men."

We think of the gifts that He gives to us in the Gospel, and especially in this needy land of Korea. We rejoice in God's gift of the Gospel and the Christian Church in Korea. We love to share from week to week in the Services of the Churches, in the Conferences of the ministers, and in the classroom studies of the students. What a privilege it is to teach in the Presbyterian Theological Seminary in Seoul, and to see a hundred or more students graduate each year and go out to serve Church and country in the name of Christ.

We cherish the gift of the Bible Clubs in Korea. They are really Church Schools and provide a true education for some 60,000 Korean boys and girls in the four-fold Christian Life as described in Luke 2:52. We never tire of visiting Bible Clubs large and small to see the children growing up in the Church to become its future leaders. We also enjoy the stimulation of the many devoted Bible Club Leaders' monthly meetings in Seoul, and in Inchun, and occasionally, in other cities in Korea.

We thank God for the gift of the Christian Chaplaincy in the Korean Armed Forces. One half of the more than 300 Korean Christian Chaplains are Presbyterian ministers, and we hold a monthly meeting together in our home for worship and fellowship. We are also grateful for the measure of help our Mission has been able to give to the many Presbyterian Widows' Homes in Seoul.

We do not forget the precious gift of home. Our son Arthur has come to Korea to teach in the three Seoul Presbyterian Boys' Academies for two years; daughter Helen is serving in a doctor's office in California; Ross has entered Princeton Seminary, and our little Helen Choi has just gone to the States to her adopted home where she will get expert training that the deaf-mute need. We also thank God for the gift of friends like you who share in our faith and our work in Korea.

Sincerely yours,

II Corinthians 9:15

Presbyterian Mission
AFO 301, San Francisco
June 10, 1959

Dear Friends,

We have a furlough coming up - and that means a lot to a missionary. It means that he has come to the end of another term of service. It means that he gets a trip home to see his friends. It means that he ~~is~~ not so indispensable on the field. It means that the work will go on without him - and that is most important, that the work goes on.

The work is certainly going on in the Churches here in Korea. We see that every Sunday as we are invited to preach in large city Churches, in smaller country Churches, in poor refugee tent Churches, and even in new groups of believers led perhaps by a seminary student who wants to do his bit for the Lord.

The work is going on in our Theological Seminary here in Seoul, too. That we see in the daily classes of a hundred or so eager students preparing themselves to out to serve the Churches and the people in every part of the Land in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

The work goes on also in the Korean Armed Services. It is a new thing in the history of the countries of Asia that there is a Christian Chaplaincy in the army, navy, and air force of the Republic. We have been sharing meetings every month with from fifty to a hundred Korean Presbyterian Chaplains and they give good evidence that the work of the Lord is going ahead in this important service.

The work of the Bible Club Movement in Korea is going on stronger than ever. There is no shortage of children in Korea. Sixty thousand boys and girls are studying daily in the Bible Clubs conducted in the Churches in all parts of South Korea, and they are getting a real Christian training for life. Thousands of these Korean children have gathered in various Korean cities this year to celebrate the Thirtieth Anniversary of the founding of the Bible Club Movement in this country, and their enthusiasm is proof enough that the work is going on.

So we have come to the end of another term of service in Korea, and are getting ready for furlough. We will be here until the middle of July, and our address after September 15 will be Payne Hall, 38 Alexander St., Princeton, New Jersey. We look forward to seeing you some time after that.

Cordially yours,

38 Alexander St.
Princeton, N. J.
January 20, 1960

Dear Dr. Clark:

Your letter of January 13 has made me do some thinking, and I would like to clear up a few points about the Moffett Fund. I know the Commission has been sending the interest out to the field for the Seminary there (and that it is to be kept anonymous. I also know that Sam Moffett was made a member on the field of that Committee. Is Howard also on it officially?

As long as you and Dr. Blair stay on the committee that is all right, but if in the course of time the committee becomes just me and the two Moffet boys, its character would be changed, as you indicate.

I think you and Dr. Blair should stay on the committee as long as possible. But would it be wise for you to take action for the record as to those who are to take your places? If Sam and I are on the committee, would it not be good to put your son Allen on eventually to make up the third member and continue it as a committee of three.

I do not have my records here on furlough, so I am not sure what actions are down in writing; but if it could be written out briefly as an action of the present committee that it continue with Clark, Blair, Kinsler, S. Moffett, and Allen to succeed the next member who drops out, I would like a copy, and the Commission must have an official copy. As it is now, as you say, they just send the money out to Korea, and assume the Moffet boys are connected with it as a family affair.

When the dust settles in Korea, and the Seminary gets on its way again (whā knos when) I would like to use the Fund money for a memorial building for Dr. Moffett - but this is of course quite indefinite now.

I should like very much to see you again before returning to Korea, and will keep it in mind. Perhaps at Assembly time, or on our way back, we will be able to arrange it. I am enclosing your letter for Verakis, in view of the above thoughts.

Sincerely yours,

December, 1960

Dear Friends:

Christmas in a revolutionary world! This is true for many lands to-day, and certainly it is true for Korea. These Korean people are in a revolutionary mood. The students won a great victory in the overthrow of the corrupt regime of old Shigman Rhee, and they are now more eager for revolution than ever. There is vast unrest and dissatisfaction with the old order of things and a great desire for a new and better order of things.

What has this to do with the Christmas message? Well, it is the most revolutionary of all forces at work in the world. It was certainly revolutionary when Jesus was born King of the Jews in the evil reign of Herod the Great. It was revolutionary when He grew up and uttered His great cry in the world, "Repent, and believe in the Gospel." It was revolutionary when He confronted the proud Nicodemus with His declaration, "You must be born again." Was anything ever half so revolutionary as the fact that Jesus died and rose again from the dead? This is the way to a better order of things.

So the Christian Gospel has been a revolutionary force in old Korea. No Christians there eighty years ago; some two million to-day. Idols and ancestor worship on every hand then, some six thousand Christian Churches to-day.

We feel the revolutionary power of the Gospel as we teach the many young men courses in the Gospels of the New Testament, the Letters of Paul, the Revelation, Christianity and Democracy, in the Presbyterian Theological Seminary in Seoul. It reminds me of the man who said he believed in the whole Bible - from Genesis to Revelation.

Do not all people in the Churches share in this revolution? We get excited when we get invitations to hold a week's Bible conference with meetings mornings and evenings, as in the fine Sung Kwang Church in Seoul the other week. God bless the many humble, earnest, warm-hearted believers living 'in the midst of a crooked and perverse generation.'

But the Bible Club Movement is our most revolutionary work in Korea. 50,000 children from poor homes come to Church School Bible Clubs every day in the week and get their only education - a training in the Christian faith and life. The whole program of Christian education there is based on the example of the growing boy Jesus as described in the Gospel of Luke 2:52. We believe this movement is working a Christian revolution in the lives of countless boys and girls in this ancient land for time and for eternity. We send you our best wishes for this blessed Christmas Season.

Sincerely yours,

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APO 301, San Francisco

other mail address
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Seoul, Korea

Presbyterian Mission
APO 301, San Francisco
September 5, 1962

Dear Friends:

Although our work is in Korea our thoughts are often at home with our friends and supporters there. We only wish that we might share our missionary experiences more closely with you. Perhaps the best we can do right now is to give you a preview of our schedule this Fall so that you can at least look forward with us in spirit.

Of course it is our privilege to preach in some Korean Church each Sunday; this week in a resort town by the Yellow Sea where the Church has a flourishing Bible Club Church School, and Sunday night, in the Yun Dong Church, one of the three oldest Presbyterian Churches in Seoul, located right next to our compound; then next Sunday, in a new Church located near the Defense Department of the Korean Government, where the pastor is a recent graduate of our Seminary undergoing the difficulties of most new pastors.

Our Theological Seminary holds its opening exercises for the Fall term this afternoon, and classes begin tomorrow morning. Our new Seminary buildings are located on a hillside with a breath-taking view of the Han River valley for miles. Incidentally, the Korean government is investing five million dollars in a Tourist Center with hotels, motels, pool, a night club with a seating capacity of 500, and a gambling casino; and this new Center is located on the hill right above our Seminary! So we have more incentive to preach the Gospel than ever. We still experience a thrill in teaching young men of Korea preparing for the ministry courses of study in the Major Prophets, New Testament Introduction, Gospel History, Contemporary Problems of Church and Society, Bible Club Christian Education, and last and not least, New Testament Greek, every Fall term.

The Bible Club work is developing with requests from many Churches for help in setting up new Junior High age groups. This work calls for Leaders' Training Institutes, Leaders' monthly Meetings, Reports, Club Rallies, and Club visitation, and we would like you to go along with us very much.

You would also find visits with Korean Chaplains to their military posts quite interesting, such as a trip we are to make this Fall to the Front Lines for meetings in various posts there. The army calls these meetings 'Religious Lectures' and that means the Gospel to us. Once at the front lines the Korean soldiers told us they were all Christians there, and when we expressed surprise they said that the army would send only Christians there as they were the only ones that could be trusted on the front lines. That's a good idea for a sermon, isn't it?

You should also attend the meetings of our Station, our Department of Co-operative Work, City Pastors' Association, the Presbytery, the Seminary Faculty, and this year the General Assembly of the Korean Presbyterian Church is celebrating its 50th Anniversary and that will call for more than one meeting, and long, too, I can assure you. You will miss quite a bit if you are not here.

Very sincerely yours,

Presbyterian Mission
APO 301, San Francisco
September 15, 1963

Dear Friends:

We just received a letter saying, "Tell us what you are doing as missionaries", and we are taking the opportunity to write the answer to all our friends and supporters.

The Fall term has just begun in the Presbyterian Theological Seminary and that means three hours of teaching a day for me. The failure of the Korea barley crop has sharply increased the financial difficulties of most of our proverbially poor 250 seminary students. 35 of them work their way through school by teaching each evening in Church School Bible Clubs in and around Seoul, and many more students beg for a similar opportunity, but our resources are limited. The Bible Club was organized in Whachun Village about 8 years ago by seminary students and out of it has come the only local Church, many Christian youngmen and women, including most of the Church membership. Now the 4 seminary students working there say they cannot subsist in the village without more financial aid.

The headquarters of the Bible Club Movement, on our compound, is as busy as a beehive with the beginning of the Fall term. Church workers, Club leaders call daily for advice, conference, and assistance. These 'Bible Clubs' are really Church Schools providing the only education tens of thousands of Korean youth receive - and it is Christian in spirit, method, purpose, and program.

Only 20 people attended the Ungchun Town Church five years ago, then the pastor began a Bible Club for Junior High youth, and now 120 boys and girls attend daily. They are now building a two story Church edifice, one floor for the sanctuary, one for Club classrooms, of concrete block, and all they need is small assistance to complete the roof; and some 120 people now attend the Church services.

Mr. Chong Yul Kim is a bright young Korean lawyer in the Changsuk Suburb of Seoul Church. He became impressed with the Bible Club program, organized a Club in his Church. It now has 300 boys and girls attending each day. He has begun a much needed building program with materials given by the U. S. 8th Army, but is desperate for the building expenses involved.

Our Korean Chaplains' Commission held a thrilling Retreat for the Senior Chaplains, 76 strong, this summer and heard exciting reports of their work in the Korean army, navy, and air force. The navy chaplains at the Chinhae naval base have built a "Center" for evangelistic work with the many officers and men that come and go there, but alas, they lack operating expenses, and ask us what to do!

The Kum Ho Dong Presbyterian Church is located in a section of Seoul crowded with tens of thousands of refugees. This Church broke off from our denomination four years ago, but just returned with 400 members, and the Bible Club this summer, and pastor and people insisted that the missionary serve as associate pastor in the reconstruction of the Church life and work. So you can see what one of the missionaries is doing right now in Korea. Pray for the Christian Cause in Korea.

Sincerely yours,

• Cable Address "Inculcate"

Korea Mission

of the Presbyterian Church in the United States of America

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May 28, 1964

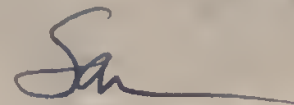
Dr. Francis Kinsler
Presbyterian Mission
Seoul

Dear Fran:

You may not be receiving any public recognition and credit for your work in hammering out the Mutual Agreement as passed at Onyang, lest the Korean delegates resent credit being given to a missionary. But I want you to know from this office that we all very clearly recognize that the whole thing would probably have failed without you. I've had a number of Southern Presbyterian missionaries come up to me to express their personal gratitude for what you were able to do in keeping the talks going.

We appreciate more than we can say your patience under considerable abuse and your perseverance in working out the final compromises. Everyone recognizes that this is a tremendous achievement and I personally believe that our working Church-Mission relationships is the best we have on any field.

Sincerely yours,



Samuel Hugh Moffett

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THE UNITED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
COMMISSION ON ECUMENICAL MISSION AND RELATIONS
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June 25, 1964

The Reverend Francis Kinsler
Presbyterian Mission
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CALIFORNIA

Dear Fran:

Just a note to tell you how very much we all appreciated your letter of May 31. I shared it with others on the staff and with the Executive Committee of the Commission.

They wanted me to express to you our own appreciation for the way in which you personally, and then other representatives in Korea, worked during these last months in preparation for this conference.

We are greatly encouraged by the way in which we have been able to work more closely with the U.S. Presbyterians beginning in Korea, but also in Mexico, and Brazil. I suspect we will have a joint staff meeting this fall to talk about further ways in which we can cooperate together.

May God bless you in all that you do.

Sincerely,


John Coventry Smith

JCS/ml

Presbyterian Mission
APO 301, San Francisco
October 1, 1964

Dear Friends at Home:

This is a year of great change and opportunity for missionaries in Korea. We begin our Fall work facing unlimited possibilities and open doors for Christian work in this ancient land. The Korean Presbyterian Church General Assembly has just made great decisions for our work for Christ in every part of the nation.

The Assembly approved our plan to united the work of the missionaries from the United Presbyterian, the Southern Presbyterian, and the Australian Presbyterian Churches in Korea. We will no longer work in separate mission areas, but in one nation-wide Department of Cooperative Work representing these four Presbyterian Churches.

The Assembly also reaffirmed its plan for forward evangelism and new missionary outreach. It includes a campaign for a hundred new missionaries to share in the goal of the evangelization of Korea in the next 25 years, especially in the fields of

- (1) rural evangelism
- (2) industrial evangelism
- (3) university students
- (4) underprivileged youth (the Bible Club work)
- (5) military personnel

The Assembly also indirectly endorsed discussions begun by some of us Theological Seminary teachers looking toward reconciliation with the churches that split off from our denomination five years ago, by appointing a committee of reconciliation of twelve men to promote possible negotiations.

During the Assembly a great 35th Bible Club Movement Anniversary Service was held and many of the present and former Club leader-teachers were given recognition, including the present and past Moderators of the Church. It was noted that some 35,000 Korean boys and girls have graduated from Church grade and secondary level Church School Bible Clubs since the liberation of Korea. Great expectations for the future of this work were also expressed.

Yes, this is a time of great opportunity for Christian Missionary work in Korea. The doors are wide open. We want to share with you our hope in the Gospel for this land of many needs.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Francis Kinolee

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April 23, 1965

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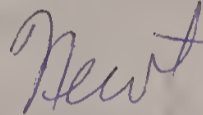
Dear Dorothy and Fran:

Recently we received news from Stan Wilson of the great honor which was bestowed upon you, Fran, by the Government of the Republic of Korea in awarding to you the Order of Cultural Merit, National Medal. Of course, the staff and members of the Commission join your colleagues in Korea in rejoicing in this recognition of your great contribution to the life of Korea. We are proud to be related to the very significant ministry which you have carried on through your years of service in that country. I felt that you would be interested to know that an official action of the Commission has been taken which makes the award of this medal a matter of record and extends congratulations to you on the receipt of this well deserved recognition.

I am glad to hear also from Stan that you, Mrs. Kinsler, have been returned to good health. We were concerned about your earlier problems and are now most pleased to know that you are in good physical condition.

We all look forward to your being here in the New York area this coming year. It will be a great pleasure to have a chance to hear more in detail from you in regard to the developments at the Seminary and about the Department of Cooperative Work.

Faithfully yours,



L. Newton Thurber
Secretary
East Asia Office

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Presbyterian Mission
Box 1125
International Post Office
Seoul, Korea
January 15, 1967

Dear Friends:

The correspondance we have with our friends and supporting Churches is a precious part of our life and work in Korea as missionaries. We always treasure your letters, and we were especially grateful at this past Christmas Season for the many beautiful cards, messages, and gifts which we received for our work.

Your Christian concern and generous gifts have enabled us to do far more in the Name of Christ for students in our Theological Seminary, the forty-thousand underprivileged boys and girls in the Bible Club Church School movement, widows and orphans and other needy people, than would otherwise have been possible, and we thank God for you all.

Now we have to change our mailing address. Because of the Status of Forces agreement between the United States and Korea we will no longer be allowed to use the Army Post Office (APO). We will have to use the International Postal Service.

Our address will be:

Rev. and Mrs. Francis Kinsler
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International Post Office
Seoul, Korea

We sinerely trust that this change of mailing address will not interfere with our sharing together as heretofore in the task of missionary seervice in Korea, for the needs of people, the grace of God, and the opportunity for Christian work and service remain the same.

Very Sincerely Yours,

Presbyterian Mission
I.P.O., Box 1125
Seoul, Korea
Summer, 1967

Dear Friends:

We are taking the liberty of sending you herewith a copy of the personal report of our work in Korea this past year. We want to share our work with you in this way since you have already been sharing with us in our work with your Christian concern and generous gifts.

While teaching in the Theological Seminary we have developed a project of having about 50 students go out in the evenings to teach in Church Schools (Bible Clubs) in and around the City of Seoul. In this work these future ministers of the Gospel learn and carry out the Christian Educational principles and methods of the Bible Club Church School program, give Christian service to many Korean underprivileged boys and girls, and at the same time earn their own living expenses. It is a fruitful program, but it is also a heavy financial burden, without a mission budget.

We face exciting opportunities for bringing the Gospel of Christ to the young men in the Korean armed forces, especially in the developing plan of "Servicemen's Centers", to the prisoners in the government penitentiaries, and to the sick in the provincial hospitals. These Korean institutions welcome, and even clamor for this kind of Christian service, but our resources are sadly limited.

Our Bible Club Church School movement faces vast needs and opportunities to extend this work of Christian education to the underprivileged youth of this land, and there are endless requests for assistance in conducting programs, training leaders, repairing buildings and erecting new ones. In this tremendous Christian task we are not sufficient of ourselves, but we believe that our sufficiency is of God. In this faith in God we share in the service of His Son.

Sincerely yours,

Francis Kinler

"gifts" + etc.

Christmas, 1967

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The Season's Greetings from the Land of Korea.

Christmas begins with the Gift of gifts - that "God so loved the world that He gave His only Son. He is the gift that gives meaning to our life, our faith, our Church, and our missionary task in the world.

As we go to the Presbyterian Theological Seminary in Seoul each day to teach the hundreds of Korean young men and women in preparation for their Christian service, we are reminded of your generous giving that has made possible the fine campus of recitation building, chapel, library, and dormitory.

The Church School (Bible Club) Movement in Korea is a very special gift of God and our friends and supporting Churches both here and at home to the tens of thousands of Korean boys and girls who get their education in this program of Christian training for life.

A recent gift from the Fifty Million Dollar Fund at home made possible the fine, new Servicemen's Center at the Korean Army's Main Training Center at Nonsan. First reports tell of over 200 new trainees coming to the Center every day and finding a warm Christian welcome.

This Christian business of receiving and giving involves us in work with students, orphans, wayward girls, needy people, Church workers and we share with these the words of Paul: "Thanks be to God for His unspeakable Gift."

God's gifts to us include our children and their children: Helen and Bruce and their little ones in California; Art, here in Korea; Ross and Gloria and their little ones in Guatemala where Ross is teaching in the Presbyterian Seminary.

The best blessings of the Season be yours,

Sincerely,

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Frank + Dorothy Kinler

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Christmas, 1969

The Gift is the Symbol of Christmas. The Gift of Him Who was born on Christmas Day transforms all other gifts. As Paul said, "He Who did not spare His own Son but gave Him up for us all, will He not also give us all things with Him?"

We cherish the gifts received in His service in Korea: the opportunity of teaching hundreds of Korean young men preparing for the Christian ministry in the Theological Seminary in Seoul; the work of the Bible Club Church Schools with tens of thousands of Korean boys and girls growing up as they learn of the Boy Jesus "Who increased in wisdom and in stature, and in favor with God and man.": the privilege of sharing in the Korean Chaplains' task in prisons, hospitals, military posts all over the land; the experience of participating in the Korean Church's ministries of bringing the love of Jesus to those who have known Him not.

We cherish the gifts we have received in our own family: our children and their children: Art and Sue serving in the United States Army Chaplaincy; Ross and Gloria and their three children serving in the Theological Seminary in Guatemala; Helen and Bruce and their three children living in California. We do not forget the precious gift of friends and Churches back home making it possible for us to live and serve in His Name here in Korea. "Thanks be to God for His unspeakable Gift." May His Best Gifts be yours at this happy Season.

Sincerely yours,

Dorothy and Fran Hensler

July, 1970

Dear Friends:

We are taking the liberty of sending this personal report of our work in Korea to all our friends who support us here in Korea so generously in so many ways:

As we approach the end of our years of missionary service in Korea we are haunted by a question Jesus put to His disciples at the end of His public life on earth: "Did you lack anything when I sent you without purse, or bag, or sandals?" They answered, "Nothing." But just suppose that question had been put to me at the beginning of these years in the future tense: "Will you lack anything?"

Depressed by the barren hills surrounding the harbor of Pusan when I first arrived in Korea I said to my sister who met me there: "Well, let's go get a bowl of rice." But she took me to a full course breakfast of bacon and eggs at the railroad hotel, and it has been something like that ever since. Thanks to God, the Commission, and many good people, we have been blessed with a full family life and now have one son serving as a chaplain in Vietnam; another, as a seminary teacher in Guatemala, and a daughter living with her family in California, and seven grand children in addition.

Memory of my first experience of preaching in Korean after six months in the country still brings me embarrassment. Did I lack anything? ! Only vocabulary, grammar, pronunciation, not to mention content and the wit to say, "No, thank you, not just yet." In spite of the continuing and persistent lack we have been privileged to preach the Gospel ever since in Church services, Bible Conferences, ministers' meetings, prison and hospital meetings, and at military posts. It was a special privilege to preach at the sixtieth anniversary of the historic South Gate Presbyterian Church in Seoul last Fall.

During our first term in Korea I was assigned to teach English and Bible in Union Christian College; then during the summer before returning to the field I received a letter asking me to teach in the Seminary beginning in the Fall term with courses in the Book of Isaiah; the Prophecy of Ezekiel; the Minor Prophets; and New Testament Greek. Did I lack anything? ! Wow! But the Lord stood by me, and strengthened me, and believe it or not, I have been teaching in the Seminary ever since — plus four days of four hours each of special lectures in the Honam Seminary this Spring. At the Sunday night meeting of the last General Assembly of the Korean Presbyterian Church it was mentioned that I had shared in the teaching of over a thousand ministers of the Gospel, including some twenty Moderators of the General Assembly.

On a cold winter night during our second year in Korea we gathered six beggar boys from the streets to sleep by a stove in the attic of the Christian Book Store in Pyengyang, and this began the Bible Club Movement in Korea. Did we lack anything? Only a budget, a classroom, equipment, teachers, a program, a philosophy of education, any idea how to run a school! But in spite of interference from the then ruling Japanese government, the dark years of the second world war, communist uprisings, the devastation of the Korean war; the poverty of the students, the work grew and last year the Fortieth Anniversary was celebrated with a Bible Club Teachers' Convention of some 400 experienced men and women from every part of South Korea; a Bible Club Rally of some 12,000 boys and girls in the Seoul area in a day-long program of worship and athletic events. The annual December Union Baccalaureate Service was held in the Young Nak church for some 3,000 boys and girls graduating from Junior High School Bible Clubs in this area. I managed to get pretty good mileage out of a pretty poor talk by speaking at 14 different Bible Club School Graduation Exercises. We thank God that through this work some 600,000 boys and girls from poor, and mostly non-Christian homes with no other opportunity to get an education have heard something of the love of Jesus and received some training for living the Christian life.

Still the question haunts me: "Did you lack anything?" The answer might be one of embarrassment to me and weariness to you. I would rather leave it with these words from the New Testament: "Not that we are sufficient of ourselves to claim anything as coming from us: our sufficiency is from ~~God~~ ^{god}. Such is the confidence we have through Christ toward God."

Sincerely yours,

Presbyterian Mission
Box 1125, I. P. O.

The Presbyterian Theological Seminary in Korea



The Faculty



The Student Body

The Bible Club Movement in Korea



Teachers' Convention



A Student Rally

Fellow-workers in the Lord



Colleagues for ever 20 Years



The Office of Korea's Prime Minister

Length of Service
Earlier Retirement

Presbyterian Mission
Box 1125 I. P. O.
Seoul, Korea
September, 1970

Dear Friends:

We write this letter with the mixed emotions of saying "good-bye" and "hello". We are leaving Korea and returning to the States. It is not easy to leave the country we have come to love, but it is not hard to return to our native land.

We had expected to work longer years in Korea but our Commission has lowered the retiring age for its missionaries, believing that they should return earlier to find a Church position at home and readjust to American life. To serve a Church at home will be a happy sequel to serving the Church abroad. We will be looking for such an opening either in an ad interim capacity or as pastor of a modest-sized congregation as soon as we return to Princeton, N. J. this month.

But our first thought is one of vast gratitude to all those at home who have made our life and work in Korea possible thru the years. We thank you sincerely for your faithful and generous support of us as your missionaries in the Lord's work in this part of the world.

The work of the Korean Church goes on with tremendous vitality, and the Bible Club Movement continues unabated. It is under the supervision of the Korean Church's Department of Education. Our Headquarters' Committee includes a former Moderator of the Church, a Chaplain in Yonsei University, the Principal of a Presbyterian Junior-Senior High School of 2,500 students that has grown up in the Bible Club Movement, the General Secretary, and our Mission Representative, Dr. Otto Decamp.

To our surprise the Committee has insited^s that I continue as 'Director' of the Bible Club work although we will be living in the States. From now on correspondence related to this work should be addressed either to: us in the U. S.; or, to the Bible Club Work in Korea, care of the Presbyterian Commission, 475 Riverside Drive, New York 10027; or, to the Bible Club Movement, care of the Presbyterian Mission, Box 1125, I. P. O., Seoul, Korea.

We look forward to visits with our supporting Churches and friends and telling about our work when we reach home.

Very Sincerely Yours,

(address after September 15, 1970
Rev. and Mrs. Francis Kinsler
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Princeton, New Jersey

Dorothy & Fran Kinsler